S.No.	Name of the LPG Agency
53.	M/s. Friend Gas Service
54.	M/s. Lucky Gas Service
55.	M/s. Santoshi Gas Service
56.	M/s. Sikhil Gas Service
57.	M/s. Bharat Gas Service
58.	M/s. Ruchika Gas Service
59.	M/s. Satish & Co.
60.	M/s. Raja Gas Service
61.	M/s. United Agencies
62.	M/s. Rohit Gas Agencies
63.	M/s. Chanakya & Siddhartha Gas Company
64.	M/s. Prinyanka Gas Service
65.	M/s Pankaj Gas Service
66.	M/s. Sunny Gas Service

Surprise Checking of the Filled LPG Cylinders

570. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received either orally or in black and white by Government regarding the supply of shortfilled or underweighed cylinders by the gas agencies during the months of November and December, 1988 and during January, 1989 in the capital;

(b) what action Government have taken on these complaints;

(c) whether Government have conducted any raids at the godowns of any of these agencies in this connection;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to undertaken surprise checking of the gas cylinders at the godowns of the gas agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) During the last 3 months, 12 complaints were received regarding underfilled cylinders in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) All such complaints are investigated promptly by the Oil Marketing Companies and, if established, the underfilled cylinders are replaced free of cost.

(c) to (e) Routine, surprise and joint inspections are carried out by oil industry teams, of all LPG and showrooms.

Action by Grievances Cells Against the Gas Dealers Agencies

571. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high level grievances cell, to check the malpractices being adopted by the Gas Agencies in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether this Cell has taken any action against the Agencies found adopting malpractices in the Capital during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, all complaints received by the oil companies against LPG distributors are investigated promptly, wherever necessary, and appropriate action, varying from warning letters to even termination of distributorships in some cases, is taken against the erring LPG distributors, in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Action Against LPG Dealers for Selling the LPG Cylinders in Black Market

572. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PET-

ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to black marketing of LPG cylinders by the distributors/dealers in the capital during the months of January and February, 1989 till date;

(b) if so, what are the names of these distributors/dealers and the action taken by Government against them;

(c) whether Government's attention has also been drawn towards the news item which appeared in various newspapers to this effect during the first week of February, 1989; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) Even though no specific instances in this regard have been brought to the notice of the Government, the possibility of such malpractices by unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out. Complaints received by the oil companies in this regard are investigated promptly, wherever necessary, and appropriate action is taken against the erring distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines. In addition, the Liquified Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1988 has been issued by the Government to check any such malpractices.

British Assistance for Developing Indian Petroleum Sector

573. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by Government from British Oil Industry for assistance in developing Indian Petroleum Sector; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof and the Government's reaction to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A proposal has recently been received from B.P. Exploration, London, proposing technical cooperation with ONGC for exploration work in the Himalayan Foothills Zone and the Plains of U.P. No proposal for assistance as such has been received.

British Oil Cos. have also shown commercial interest in liquified natural gas import feasibility study, city distribution of natural gas and exploration for hydrocarbons.

Projections for Production and Distribution of LPG

574. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the projections in the last three years for the production and distribution of LPG in the country;

(b) what were the actuals achieved; and

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The target fixed for the production and distribution of LPG as well as the actuals achieved during the last three years are given below:

(000 MT)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Production			
Targets	1250	1450	1613
Actuals	1230	1489	1588 (Provisional)
Distribution			
Targets	1250	1520	1740
Actuals	1241	1497	1686